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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 6386

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: SMITH AND INTERNAL SETTLEMENT

REF: (A) PRETORIA 6377, (B) PRETORIA 6387

1. SUMMARY: RHODESIAN REP HAWKINS AND SA SECRETARY FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOURIE BOTH EXPRESSED TO US TODAY,
NOW 25, THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT BOTH MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE
HAD INDEED AGREED TO MEET WITH SMITH FOR INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS AS THE LATTER HAD ASSERTED IN HIS
NOV 24 PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTELS). END SUMMARY

2. WHEN HAWKINS GAVE DCM THE TEXT OF SMITH'S NOV 24
STATEMENT (REFTEL B), HE SAID HE HAD TAKEN PAINS TO
ASSURE HIMSELF THAT IN FACT IT HAD THE CONCURRENCE OF
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THE BLACK RHODESIANS' LEADERSHIP. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN
ADVISED THAT THEY HAD AGREED "TO EVERY WORD", "INCLUDING
THE FELLOW NOW IN YOUR COUNTRY" (I.E., SITHOLE).
HAWKINS MADE A SPECIAL POINT OF STRESSING THAT SMITH
HAD NOT REJECTED THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS. HE ALSO
NOTED THAT CHIKEREMA WAS IN LONDON WITH A FIVE-MAN
DELEGATION. HAWKINS SAID HE PRESUMED CHIKEREMA HAD

OUTLINED TO OWEN IN SOME DETAIL WHAT WAS BEHIND SMITH'S NOV 24 STATEMENT. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING SOME MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WOULD BE GOING ON TO THE US.

3. SMITH'S STATEMENT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED DURING THE DCM'S MEETING ON ANOTHER MATTER THIS MORNING, NOV 25, WITH FOURIE. THE LATTER SAID THE SAG HAD HAD NO ADVANCE NOTICE OF SMITH'S INTENTION TO ISSUE THE STATEMENT; THEY HAD LEARNED OF IT ONLY YESTERDAY. FOURIE WAS, HOWEVER, NOT SURPRISED BY WHAT SMITH HAD SAID. HE (FOURIE) HAD BEEN WARNING THE BRITISH AND MOST RECENTLY JOHNNY GRAHAM THAT THIS SORT OF THING WOULD BE IN THE OFFING IF MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE WERE NOT BROUGHT IN AS FULL PARTICIPANTS IN LORD CARVER'S CONSULTATIONS. THE FACT THAT GRAHAM HAD SEEN MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE WAS NOT AN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE. TO INSIST TO THOSE TWO BLACK LEADERS THAT THEIR SITUATION WAS DIFFERENT BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE ARMED FORCES OF THEIR OWN AND THEREFORE DID NOT FIT INTO THE CARVER MISSION WAS A MISTAKE. SMITH'S PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE BASED ON ADULT SUFFRAGE WAS A LANDMARK. FOURIE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH SMITH DID NOT ACTUALLY USE THE EXPRESSION ONE MAN ONE VOTE, HE WAS POSITIVE THAT THIS WAS A NON-NEGOTIABLE POSITION OF THE BLACK RHODESIAN LEADERSHIP. FROM HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM IT WAS PERFECTLY CLEAR

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THAT THEY WOULD NOT AGREE TO MEET WITH SMITH EXCEPT ON THAT BASIS.

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